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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**SENATE MEETING**

SENATE met in regular session on Thursday, 16 May 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present, with Mr. C. Stuttard in the chair, were the following:

Archibald, Binkley, Bleasdale, Brett, Cameron, Camfield, Conrod, Cross, Cummings, Dickson, Doolittle, Egan, Farmer, Fraser, Hartzman, Hobson, Hooper, Kay-Raining Bird, Kimmins, Klein, Lee, Lovely, Lydon, MacDonald, MacInnis, Maloney, McIntyre, Moore, Pacey, Ricketts, Rosson, Ruddick, Ruedy, Russell, Shafai, Sutherland, Taylor, Traves, Wrixon.

Regrets:        Andrews, Birdsall, Burnside, Kenny, Kiang, Pereira, Sherwin, Starnes, Tatton.

**96:057**

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Stuttard suggested that item 5 --Senate Constitution-- be moved to item 7 and the current items 6 and 7 be renumbered. The modified agenda was adopted.

**96:058**

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion (Shafai/Lovely), the Minutes of 29 April 1996 were approved as circulated.

**96:059**

Matters Arising

Mr. Stuttard reported that Wendy Lynn Stewart, a Dalhousie Biology student who had been originally left off the list of graduands was awarded a B.Sc. (Agriculture) on 3 May 1996 at Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Ms. Hobson reported that her May 8 meeting with Alan Andrews and Andy Wainwright concerning the Dalhousie Review had been cancelled; however, Mr. Andrews had agreed to submit a business plan for the Review.

**96:060**

Approval of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates - All Faculties

Mr. Stuttard asked representatives of each Faculty to present their candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates.

College of Arts and Science

On behalf of the College, Mr. Kimmins recommended that degrees, diplomas and certificates be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts.....	370
(Distinction 8, Honours 66, First Class Honors 29)	
Bachelor of Arts Advanced Major Certificate .....	10
Bachelor of Arts Honours Certificate.....	11
(Honours 7, First Class Honours 3)	
Certificate in Costume Studies.....	3
Advanced Diploma in Costume Studies.....	12
Bachelor of Education.....	16
Bachelor of Music.....	11
Bachelor of Music Education.....	4
Bachelor of Science .....	405
(Distinction 25, Honours 45, First Class Honours 33)	
Bachelor of Science Advanced Major Certificate .....	14
(Distinction 1)	
Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate .....	6
Diploma in Engineering.....	70
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>932</b>

Faculty of Dentistry

Mr. MacInnis recommended that the degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Dental Surgery.....	29
Diploma in Dental Hygiene.....	39
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>68</b>

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

Mr. Ricketts recommended that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy .....	31
Master of Arts.....	32
Master of Science .....	60
Master of Science (Agriculture).....	3
Master of Business Administration.....	85
Master of Business Administration/Bachelor of Laws (MBA/LL.B.).....	4
Master of Education .....	18
Master of Environmental Studies .....	8
Master of Health Services Administration .....	9
Master of Laws.....	5
Master of Library and Information Studies .....	37
Master of Public Administration.....	17
Master of Public Administration/Bachelor of Laws (MPA/LL.B.) .....	1
Diploma in Public Administration.....	1
Master of Developmental Economics.....	8
Master of Nursing.....	16
Master of Social Work.....	2
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>337</b>

## Faculty of Health Professions

Ms. McIntyre recommended that degrees, certificates and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Social Work.....	41
(Distinction 6)	
Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy).....	63
(Distinction 6)	
Bachelor of Science (Nursing) .....	87
(57 Basic BScN; 30 Post-RN)	
(Distinction BScN 2; Distinction Post-RN 2)	
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy).....	35
(Honours 7, First Class Honours 10)	
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) .....	44
(Distinction 5)	
Bachelor of Physical Education.....	14
Bachelor of Recreation.....	28
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) .....	37
(Honours 4)	
Bachelor of Science (Health Education) .....	13
Certificate in Health Services Administration .....	17
Diploma in Outpost & Community Health Nursing .....	8
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>387</b>

Faculty of Law

Ms. Russell recommended that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws.....	145
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>145</b>

Faculty of Management

Mr. Rosson recommended that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Diploma in Public Administration.....	1
Bachelor of Commerce .....	129
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>130</b>

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. Ruedy recommended that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Medicine .....	85
Master of Science (Medicine).....	5
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>90</b>

It was moved (Kimmins/Lee) that:

**Senate approve the awarding of degrees to the candidates identified in correspondence to the Secretary of Senate.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

It was moved (McIntyre/Lee) that:

**the appropriate Dean or Provost of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students omitted from or included in the list through demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its officers, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.**

The following amendment to the motion was moved (Kimmins/Taylor):

**that “or other reasons” be inserted after “or one of its officers,” and that the impact of this change be monitored and the results be reported back to Senate in the fall of this year..**

Ms. Sutherland asked for an example of “other reasons.” Mr. Kimmins explained that students may take their final classes at a university other than Dalhousie. In some cases, grades from these universities are not received until very close to graduation. In these cases students are left off the list of graduands although they have completed their degree.

The amendment and the amended motion were both **CARRIED**.

**96:061**

Discussion Paper on Academic Priorities and University Restructuring

A motion (Pacey/Ricketts):

**That the Discussion Paper on Academic Priorities and University Restructuring be considered “as if in committee of the whole”, with a time limit of thirty minutes.**

was **CARRIED**.

After about thirty minutes, it was moved (Klein/Ruedy) that:

**The Discussion Paper on Academic Priorities and University Restructuring be put on the agenda of 24 June meeting of Senate for extended discussion.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

The Chair agreed to have an e-mail discussion group set up to enable Senators to exchange their views in the intervening period.

**96:062**

President’s Report

Mr. Traves began by reporting on the status of the Dal/TUNS merger. He said that three committees were being formed to deal with academic issues, administrative services and Senate responsibilities. There would be someone to oversee the process and to intervene in the work of these committees to make sure that issues relevant to more than one committee would be dealt with, and to serve as a co-ordinator/facilitator to keep things moving. Mr. Traves assured the Senate that at each stage there would be broad consultation on campus.

The President then turned to Consortium matters. It is imperative that Dalhousie replace its information management system which has a number of technical problems. Proposals for the system have been put out and tenders called for. The Metro Deans of Arts and Science have been meeting and developing plans to make it easier for students to move between Metro institutions.

Mr. Traves then reported on the successful review of the Clinical Psychology Program by the Canadian and American Accreditation committees. He also reported that the

external reviewers appointed by MPHEC to look at the proposed Ph.D. in Sociology had presented a very favourable report on the program and department. He hoped that MPHEC would make their final decision in late June.

Dalhousie has signed a contract for \$30 Million for over three years with the Kuwaiti government for a Rehabilitation Centre. This will lead to exchange of students and research opportunities in Health Professions. Mr. Traves highlighted the important work of Dr. Lydia Makrides and Mr. Brian Mason in this endeavour. He hoped that this would be the first of a number of projects under discussion.

Mr. Kimmins wanted to flag the proposed 4-year degree in Engineering for early consideration by Senate, since the Faculty will want to start offering the program in September 1997. Ms. Hobson stated that she had already spoken to the Registrar's Office and Mary Somers about this. Ms. Binkley noted that it would also have to go to SAPBC and SCAA for consideration.

Mr. Stuttard asked if the Dal/TUNS agreement had been signed. Mr. Traves replied that it had not, but the only outstanding issue was the TUNS pension plan. Currently, TUNS staff belong to the government pension plan and would like this to continue.

#### **96:063**

##### Question Period

Mr. Cross asked about the status of the pension negotiations. Mr. Traves reported that a number of outstanding issues were resolved at the last meeting and was optimistic that an agreement will be made soon.

Mr. Brett asked about the status of the Dalhousie Review. Mr. Traves reiterated Ms. Hobson's earlier remarks concerning discussion with the editors and the development of a business plan. Mr. Traves recognized the high standards and tradition of the Dalhousie Review and expressed his hope that the financial concerns could be resolved.

Mr. Taylor asked if the Dalhousie Review could be added to the list of projects looking for funding from the capital campaign? He reported that members of his Faculty are willing to contribute to such a fund. Mr. Traves responded that the review could be added, although that would not guarantee that a donor would be found; however, the immediate financial concerns of the Review must be met.

#### **96:064**

##### Senate Constitution

Mr. Stuttard asked Ms. Conrod to take the Chair for this item. He then moved, seconded by Ms. Binkley:

**to take from the table the resolution that the amended text of Section X, Standing Committees of Senate of the Constitutional Provisions Governing Operations of Senate, dated April 12,1996, and as further amended today, be adopted.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

On behalf of the Senate Steering Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved the following amendment to the motion:

**that this motion be divided so that, unlike the consideration of Sections I-IX, there will be a separate main motion to adopt changes to the terms of reference of each standing committee.**

The amendment **CARRIED**.

Ms. Conrod reminded the meeting that to be adopted, resolutions to change the Constitution of Senate require at least two-thirds to vote in favour.

On behalf of the Senate Steering Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**that the amendments to the terms of reference of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee, shown on pages 16, 17 and 24 of the document: Constitutional Provisions Governing Operations of Senate, dated April 12,1996, be adopted.**

With respect to item 2 under functions, Mr. Cross asked if any faculty had attempted to appeal a decision of their faculty's Academic Appeal committee. Both Ms. McIntyre and Mr. Stuttard said that faculty had tried but the attempts were unsuccessful.

Motion was **CARRIED** without dissent.



On behalf of the Senate Steering Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**that the amendments to the terms of reference of the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee, shown on pages 25, 26 and 27 of the document: Constitutional Provisions Governing Operations of Senate, dated April 12,1996, be adopted.**

Ms. Hobson argued that the terms of Reference for SAPBC could not be approved before Senate discussed the fate of the Senate Physical Planning Committee, a subcommittee of SAPBC. Upon motion (Hobson/Sutherland), the previous question was **TABLED**.

On behalf of the Senate Steering Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**that the Senate Physical Planning Committee be dissolved.**

Ms. Hobson, Mr. Kimmins and Mr. Cameron argued that SPPC should not be dissolved because SAPBC had enough to do without taking on this additional task; they contended that SPPC has played and can continue to play an important role in space and physical planning, and health and safety issues, by setting priorities; that the TUNS/Dal merger will require a re-evaluation of these issues, and that TUNS faculty will supply expertise in the area of physical planning.

Ms. Binkley, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Brett pointed out that the present committee was large and cumbersome; acted only as a conduit of information from the Physical Plant and Planning office to SAPBC; had no power to change decisions that had already been made by senior administration and were simply reported to the SPPC for information.

It was suggested that the committee might be reconstituted as a sub-committee of SAPBC, but would be smaller, and would recruit members with appropriate expertise. In addition, the senior administration would need to delegate real authority to make physical planning decisions in this area. Mr. Maloney suggested that the Senate Steering Committee should try to negotiate some authority or power for SPPC parallel to SCAA.

As the scheduled time for adjournment approached, the discussion was terminated when a motion (Stuttard) to table the previous question was **CARRIED**.

**96:065**

Adjournment

Upon motion (Hobson/Ricketts), the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Minutes approved.

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Secretary

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Chair

